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1. DEPARTMENT PLEASED TO NOTE PLAN FOR COMBINING MEETINGS OF 14TH FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND ECLA/FAO LATIN AMERICAN FOOD CONFERENCE AND CONCURS IN CHOICE OF APRIL DATE.

2. WITH REGARD JOINT FAO/ECLA LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 5 WE NOTE RESOLUTION XXII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL FOOD COMMITTEES. WORDING OF RESOLUTION VAGUE REGARDING ES-
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TABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES BY REGIONAL BODIES TO FORMULATE

AND FOLLOW UP POLICIES OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND USG DOUBTS WISDOM OF SETTING UP SUCH COMMITTEES.

3. PROVISIONAL AGENDA TOPICS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE BUT TOO BROAD. USG WOULD ENCOURAGE INCLUSION OF MORE SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS FOR REGIONAL CONSIDERATION.

4. SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:

ITEMS 6, 7 AND 8 - COMBINE AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM 6 - FOOD PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN LA

A) PRESENT FOOD SUPPLY LEVELS

B) POTENTIAL AND PLANS FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES

C) NUTRITIONAL PROBLEMS, NEEDS AND PLANS.

ITEM 9 - CLARIFY IN TITLE SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AREAS WHICH REQUIRE STRENGTHENING.

ITEM 13 - IS UNNECESSARY. INsofar AS RESOLUTIONS MAY BE DESIRABLE THEY SHOULD ARISE FROM SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ITEMS TO WHICH THEY RELATE. A SEPARATE ITEM FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS WOULD NOT ONLY DISRUPT THIS LOGICAL APPROACH BUT ALSO MAY ENCOURAGE SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE NEITHER NECESSARY NOR RELATED TO SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS. KISSINGER

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